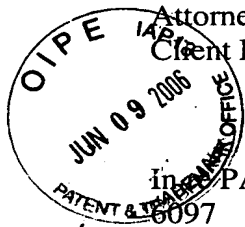


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2006, the due date for which is extended to June 11, 2006 by the attached Petition for One Month Extension of Time and requisite fee, the Applicant elects to pursue the invention identified by the Examiner as Species A. Species A encompasses figures 1-11. Claims 1-10 and 18 read on elected Species A, claim 1 being generic. This election is being made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected species in divisional applications at a future date.

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